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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINORI KOJIMA, et al.) : Examiner: A. Vo
Application No.: 10/642,732) : Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: August 19, 2003) :
For: LIQUID CONTAINER,)
METHOD FOR DETECTING) :
LIQUID AMOUNT IN)
LIQUID CONTAINER, AND) :
LIQUID EJECTION) :
RECORDING APPARATUS : January 31, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, the period for response to which having been extended to February 5, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time.

All claims were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 23 of U.S. Patent 6,869,158 (Kojima, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 6,274,880 (Walker). However, the Examiner further indicated that all claims would be allowable if a Terminal Disclaimer were filed. Based on that indication, and without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer, together with the statutory fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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